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FOL RPT JAKARTA 8266 ACTION SECSTATE INFO GENEVA KUALA LUMPUR TAIPEI  
SINGAPORE TOKYO MANILA BANGKOK DATED 23 JUN 77

QUOTE: UNCLAS JAKARTA 8266

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SUBJ: BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN INDONESIA

1. INFORMATION PRESENTLY IN EMBASSY'S HANDS INDICATES THAT THERE ARE 382 KNOWN INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES IN INDONESIA. IN JAKARTA AREA THERE ARE 174; WHICH INCLUDES 44 AT BOGOR, 21 AT TANJUNG PRIOK, AND 109 AT KAMPUNG RAMBUTAN. THE LATTER CAMP IS NEW AND INCLUDES 71 REFUGEES TRANSFERRED FROM TAMAN MINI AND 38 NEW ARRIVALS WHO REACHED JAKARTA FROM SEMARANG IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE. AT TANJUNG PINANG THERE ARE 200 INCLUDING 69 NEW ARRIVALS ON THE HONG HA ON 12 JUNE. AT PONTIANAK THERE ARE 8. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON THIS LAST CAMP.

2. APPROXIMATELY 200 BOAT CASE REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVE IN INDONESIA SINCE MAY 3. IN ALL CASES AUTHORITIES UNCLASSIFIED

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IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA HAD PREVIOUSLY REFUSED ENTRY. ONE-GROUP CLAIMS THAT MALAYSIAN TROOPS FIRED UPON THEIR BOAT. IN CONTRAST THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MAINTAINED AN OPEN DOOR TO THE NEW ARRIVALS. THE CAMP AT KAMPUNG RAMBUTAN IS A NEW FACILITY ORIGINALLY SLATED AS A NURSING HOME BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE BUT CONVERTED ON SHORT NOTICE FOR THE REFUGEES.

CONDITIONS IN THE NEW CAMP ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER  
THAN IN THE EARLIER CAMPS.

4. GOI'S WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE REFUGEES APPEARS  
PREMISED ON CONTINUED TRUST IN THE UNITED STATES AND  
OTHER NATIONS TO ACCEPT REFUGEES AS IMIGRANTS.  
A REVERSAL OF GOI'S ATTITUDE IN THIS AREA MAY LEAD TO  
SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE REFUGEES DRIVEN AWAY BY  
OTHER NATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.  
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